

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

Please act on the above immediately. Teachers should not have to fight for basic rights. In any other profession, you get paid your worth and get a lunch break! Teachers are asked to sacrifice too much!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

